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GENEVA FOR US DEL REVCON

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SUBJECT: NPT REVCON: PAKISTAN OBJECTS TO CONFERENCE

PROCEDURES FOR OBSERVERS, WILL NOT PARTICIPATE

1. THIS MORNING'S PRESS CARRIED THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PAKISTAN WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FORTHCOMING NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AND HAD WITHDRAWN ITS REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE CONFERENCE. THE MFA STATEMENT MADE REFERENCE TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE DRAFTED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD HAVE PREVENTED A STATE IN OBSERVER STATUS FROM MAKING ANY CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE, OR EVEN TO MAKE AN
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ORAL STATEMENT IN THE CONFERENCE OR ITS SUBSIDIARY

BODIES. HENCE, PAKISTAN SAW NO PURPOSE IN ATTENDING.

2 FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI HELD A MEETING WITH AMBASSADORS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS LATER IN THE MORNING. HE REFERRED TO THE MFA STATEMENT SAYING HE THOUGHT IT WAS SELF-EXPLANATORY, BUT WANTED TO ASSURE ALL CONCERNED THAT PAKISTAN HAD NOT LOST INTEREST IN THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE AND THAT ITS INTEREST IN THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES REMAINED THE SAME. IT WAS, THEREFORE, WITH DEEP REGRET THAT THEY HAD MADE THE DECISION WHICH HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED.

3. SHAHI SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE RECORD WAS CLEAR THAT PAKISTAN SOUGHT EVERY CONCEIVABLE WAY TO STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES, AND HAD HOPED WAYS COULD BE FOUND OF DOING THIS WITHOUT HARMING THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF EITHER NATO OR THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT PAKISTAN HAD TRIED TO GET THE RULES OF THE CONFERENCE CHANGED BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS, AS NEVER BEFORE HAD IT BEEN RULED THAT OBSERVERS COULD NOT SPEAK. PAKISTAN HAD CONCLUDED, THEREFOR, THAT NO DISCUSSIONS IN DEPTH WOULD BE POSSIBLE WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERN OF NON-NUCLEAR POWERS OVER THEIR OWN SECURITY. PAKISTAN HAD HOPED FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION ON THIS ASPECT OF THE MATTER BUT WAS CONFRONTED WITH A SITUATION IN WHICH IT SEEMED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT REAL ADEQUATE EXPLANATION.

4. AGHA SHAHI SAID THEY HAD HOPED UNTIL ONLY RECENTLY THAT THE RULES MIGHT BE CHANGED. IN THE LATTER CASE HE WOULD HAVE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE PERSONALLY, AND HAD HELD UP HIS REPLY AS REGARDS STARTING TALKS WITH INDIA ON AIR TRAFFIC MATTERS FOR THAT REASON. WITH THE DECISION AGAINST PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA THEY NOW PLAN TO START THE AIR TALKS ON MAY 12 AS SUGGESTED BY INDIA. BYROADE

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